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## **GOVERNOR RELL TO SPEAK AT THE 56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY LUNCHEON**

HARTFORD, Conn. --- Gov. M. Jodi Rell will address Connecticut servicemembers at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Day Luncheon at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington, Conn. on Friday, May 20, 2005, at 12:00 noon.

Dr. J. Robert Galvin, Commissioner of Public Health will be the keynote speaker for this year's luncheon. Galvin is a Vietnam Veteran and a retired brigadier general with more than 30 years of service in the Army, Army Reserve and the Army National Guard. He is a distinguished and decorated Army officer with many awards and decorations to include, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and Connecticut State Meritorious Service Medal for service rendered as a Flight Surgeon in the Connecticut Army National Guard.

The Armed Forces Day Luncheon is an opportunity to recognize the men and women who serve in all the branches of services in the state of Connecticut.

During this event, a member from each branch of the Armed Services will be recognized for their distinguished service. Dr. Galvin will present the awards along with Gov. Rell and Brig. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, the Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard.

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“It is indeed an honor not only to have the Governor in attendance but to also have Dr. Galvin with his distinguished military background attend this event,” said Martin.

Martin stated that Connecticut’s servicemembers continue to play an important role in the Global War on Terror.

This year’s theme is, “America Supports You.”

**This event is open to media.**

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**Directions:** (To the Aqua Turf) – **From Hartford** – I 84 West and take Exit 29 (left hand exit). At the end of the exit, take a left. Come to first light and take a right onto Mulberry Street. Go approximately 1-½ miles and the Aqua Turf will be on your right.